

**CITY OF TAYLORSVILLE
CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**

November 7, 2011

The City of Taylorsville City Commission held a Special Meeting on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 5:00 p.m., at the City Hall Annex.

Present were:

Don Pay, Mayor
Beverly Ingram, Commissioner
Nathan Nation, Commissioner
Kathy Spears, Commissioner
Larry Waldrige, Commissioner

Staff present:

Steve Biven, City Clerk

John D. Dale, Jr. City Attorney

Harold Compton, Public Works Director

Item #1

Mayor Pay called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Item #2 – ***Unsafe Structure Ordinance/Code Enforcement***

Nathan Nation, serving in the capacity as the TSCFD Fire Chief, discussed the condition of the properties at 501, 503 and 505 Garrard St. Members of the Commission were invited to visit these rental properties on November 4th to observe the living conditions. The residents at 503 and 505 have been relocated. The fire department installed a smoke detector at 501 and is not proposing any action on that particular property, although an inspection should take place sometime in the future. Residents had contacted the Chief and asked him to look at the structures. The residents at 57 Jefferson St. have also been relocated and had the power shut off. This structure will have to pass a building and power inspection under the fire code. 503 and 505 Garrard have safety concerns that have been documented by the Chief as required on page 11 of the city's Unsafe Structure Ordinance.

The City Attorney elaborated on the legal issues involved and the options available to the City Commission.

Commissioner Ingram requested that immediate action be taken to vacate and close the properties. Commissioner Waldrige agreed that an emergency existed. **Motion made by Mayor Pay and seconded by Commissioner Ingram to close the structures at 503 Garrard St. and 505 Garrard St. under the emergency provisions of the Unsafe Structure Ordinance, as documented by the Taylorsville Spencer County Fire Protection District Fire Chief, and brought up to code and inspected before rented or utilized, and direct the fire chief to disable all utilities. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Nation not participating in the vote due his role as the Fire Chief.**

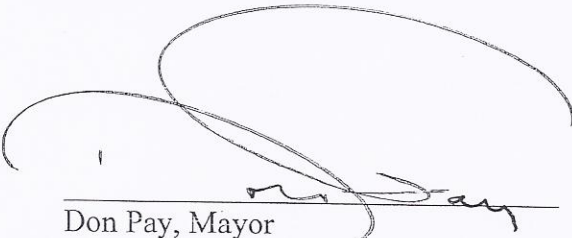
Mr. Compton pointed out that the Sewer Use Ordinance prohibits use of a residential structure without water or sewer service, which is the case in this situation.

Clerk Biven stated that Mickey Shouse has been contacted about completing an inspection of these structures for the purpose of documenting the violations of city ordinance, at a cost of \$300 per building. Mr. Biven will send notice to the owners of the property that they are to vacate and await an inspection.

Chief Nation reiterated that complaints on these rental units came from the tenants themselves.

ADJOURN MEETING

Item #3 – **Motion made by Mayor Pay and seconded by Commissioner Waldrige to adjourn. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0.**



Don Pay, Mayor



Stephen A. Biven, City Clerk